

# AMENT

PHILIP b. JAN. 1, 1755 ENLISTED YORKTOWN, YORK CO. PA. JUNE <sup>1775</sup>.  
LIVED YORK, PA. 11 yrs after discharge and to ALBEMARLE CO.  
VA. — To BOURBON Co. KY. 1800 -

ANTHONY b. Nov. 19, 1757. TESTIFIED TO SERVICE OF PHILIP.

PHILIP (ABOVE?) BOURBON Co. KY 1810 CENSUS.

" " " 1820 "

JUSTUS E. AMENT M  
1808-1865 1817-8

SUSAN BERRY  
1812-1881

KNIGHT

M.

EVALINE AMELIA AMENT  
1890-

EDITH KNIGHT

PHILIP M. SMITH,  
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April 20, 1932.

Mr. A. R. Markle:

I have your inquiries regarding Justus E. Ament and his wife Susan Berry, and thank you for the check for \$5.00 enclosed.

I am enclosing five pages of notes, of which I have copies, following out some promising clues, but they do not as yet give us the line, nor are the results quite consistent. I felt sure that the pension record of Philip Ament, of Bourbon County, Kentucky, or his brother Anthony, of Hardin County, would give us the location in Kentucky, but the birth of Anthony's children in Virginia, seems to knock this out.

(1790) The name Ament is quite uncommon, - only one in New York State. This is still a promising field, - New York State, as there is a typewritten transcript of a German or Dutch church at Schenectady which is unindexed and would take considerable time to go through.

As Eldert Ament was a Revolutionary Soldier the chances seem very good that Justus E. is a grandson. I spent much of my time on the Philip Ament clue and Illinois clues as this would give me light on the Berry line also, if found.

It looks possible to me that Justus went directly to Illinois and met Susan Berry there where his children were apparently all born, though Jonathan Hodge no doubt found his wife in Kentucky on his way from North Carolina. Justus's family should appear somewhere in Illinois in 1830. The whole State could be covered for that Census in two hours or so.

Lippincott's Gazetteer for 1854 gives a Berry's Ferry in Livingston County, Kentucky, but none in Virginia. Elizabethtown is in Hardin County where I have located Anthony Ament. Perhaps the answer is that Justus came from New York to visit relatives or live with them in Hardin County, going thence to Illinois.

There are a number of Berry pension records not yet investigated.

If you want to spend another \$5.00, I will try to investigate or cover the sources suggested above. (except Illinois 1830 Census search for entire state), and I think the chances are good for getting the line back, with D.A.R. eligibility.

Sincerely yours,

*Philip M. Smith*

April 15, 1932.

Mr. Philip M. Smith,  
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have had several inquiries from you but as I had nothing to say, I did not answer at the time, hoping that later something would develop on several lines, almost all of which seem to be suffering from the effects of the times.

I am enclosing my check for Five Dollars, in payment as far as it will go, in research on the following.

Justus E. Ament, b in New York, April 27, 1808, m 1827 or 1828, probably in Ky. Susan Berry who was b May 24, 1812 in Ky.

He died Dec. 12, 1865 and she, Sep. 20, 1881 in Big Rock, Kane County, Ill. Their issue:

John V. 1829--William Tecumseh 1831-- Benjamin B. 1832--  
Hester J. 1835--Calista Ann 1837--Evalyne Amelia 1840--  
Mary Susan 1844-- Martin M.--Justus E.-- Oscar N. 1852.

Justus E. Ament (1808-1865) had brothers Hiram and Edward and Susan Berry had a sister Nancy, b in Ky Virginia and in 1812 m in Ky. Jonathan Hodge and who were probably in McLean or Sangamon County, Illinois in 1850. Another sister of Susan was Rebecca who married a Blue.

Nancy Berry Hodge is said to have been born in Berry's Ferry, Virginia.

John V., William T. and Benjamin B., children of Justus and Susan (Berry) Ament are supposed to have been born in Kentucky, Calista Ann and the later ones in Illinois with the place of birth of Hester J. in doubt as the family moved to Illinois about 1835 or 1836. A tradition has the family as of Elizabethtown, Kentucky just before coming to Illinois.

I want the parentage and place of birth of Justus E. Ament and his wife Susan Berry, the date and place of their marriage and possible DAR eligibility of descendants.

Yours truly,

1860 Census, Big Rock Twp. Ill. Kane Co.

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John V. Ament	20	Farmer	\$250.	b. Ill.
Sarah A. "	18	Wife		n. y. n. h. j.
John Newland	14			Ill.
Daniel E. Hathaway	2			Inda.

(living next to)

Justus E. Ament,	52✓	Farmer	n.e. p.h. 7200. 1723.	b. n. y.
Susan H. "	48✓			n. y. n. h. j.
Mary J. "	17 <sup>10</sup> ✓			Ill.
Martin H. "	13 <sup>13</sup> ✓			"
Justus E. "	11 <sup>12</sup> ✓			"
Oscar H. "	7 <sup>0</sup> ✓			"

1850 Census same.

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J. E. Ament	41✓	Farmer	\$3000. n.e.	b. n. y.
Susan "	38✓			Ken.
John V. "	20✓	Farmer		Ill.
William "	19✓			"
Benjamin "	18✓			"
Calista "	13✓			"
Eveline "	10✓			"
Mary J. "	8✓			"
Martin "	4✓			"
Justice "	2✓			"

1840 Census Kane Co.

J. E. Ament not found.

1790 Census Elderly Ament, Schenectady, Albany County  
 2 males over 16, 5 females  
 4 " under 16

Not found in Schenectady 1800 & 1810.

1790. Strasburg tp, Lancaster Co. Pa.

Henry Ament 2 - 1 - 5

N.Y. in Revolution. 2d Ed. 1898. p. 98 2

Evert Amment, Pvt. 2d Reg't Albany Co, Militia  
(Given as Elder in  
a N.Y. record) Col. Abraham Wemple.

N.Y. in Rev, Vol. 1. Farm 1887. p. 202

Eldert Amment, ensign Nov 21, 1776; resigned  
Mar. 22, 1777 5th Co, 3d Reg't  
Col. Peter Gansevoort. N.Y. Line.

Sangamon Co, Ill. 1850.

p. 565  
James Berry 27 Farmer \$ 140 b Ky.  
Rachel " 23 " "  
John " 2 Ill.  
Dallas " 1 "

p. 571  
Levi Gordon 59 Carpenter Ky  
Robert Berry 27 "  
Elizabeth " 18 "

McLean Co. Ill. 1850.

p. 85  
Wm. F. Hodge 25 Farmer b Ill.  
Emily " 18 "  
Jonathan Hodge 60 Farmer 3600. b N.C.  
Nancy " 55 b Ky.  
John Packer 10 b Ill.

1840, McLean co.

Jonathan Hodge	50-60	1	female	40-50
1 male	20-30	1	"	20-30
1 "	15-20	1	"	10-15